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Former South Pittsburg Housing Authority Executive Director Charged with Theft

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office has released a special investigation revealing a \$7,000 theft by former South Pittsburg Housing Authority executive director Terry Case.

Initial results from this investigation into South Pittsburg's housing authorities were released in July 2015. That report can be found [here](#).

Investigators discovered that Mr. Case requested and received fraudulent checks written to him totaling at least \$7,000.

These payments were ostensibly for administering the housing authority's summer food program, however Mr. Case admitted to investigators that the true reason for these payments was that he had not received a pay raise in five years.



Comptroller investigators also found that Mr. Case borrowed and stored a number of housing authority tools and other items at his home for an extended period of time. These items included a stainless steel table and serving cart, pool chairs, rotary tiller, hedge trimmer, chain saw, and a stereo system.

On December 7, 2015, Terry Case was indicted by the Marion County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$1,000.

The special investigation also found that South Pittsburg Housing Authority and South Pittsburg Elderly Housing Authority commissioners received at least \$37,975 in unauthorized compensation from 2010 to 2014. Housing authority officials told investigators these payments were discontinued after they became aware of the state law prohibiting compensation to housing authority commissioners.

To view the special investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>.

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